

Amendment No. 6 to SB3110

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by adding the following new section immediately preceding the last section and by renumbering the subsequent section accordingly:

SECTION ____.

(a)(1) Responsible government demands that the members of this body adequately address the issues relative to the current budget discussion and the uncertainty associated therewith.

(2) Before this General Assembly undertakes a serious look at tax reform, it is extremely important that its members look at needed reforms in spending and in state government.

(3) This is a matter of extreme importance to the good people of this state and is most worthy of comprehensive study.

(b)(1) There is created a special joint committee to study spending reform and government reform in this state, specifically to review each line item in the state budget.

(2) The committee shall consist of ten (10) members, three (3) members of the House of Representatives and three (3) members of the Senate, to be appointed by the respective speakers; two (2) state employees, one (1) to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and one (1) to be appointed by the Speaker of the Senate; and two (2) citizen members, one (1) to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and one (1) to be appointed by the Speaker of the Senate.

(c) All appropriate state agencies shall provide assistance to the special joint committee upon request of the chair.

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(d) All legislative members of the special joint committee who are duly elected members of the General Assembly shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly.

(e) The special joint committee shall be convened by the member with the most years of continuous service in the General Assembly; and at its first meeting shall elect a chair, vice-chair, and such other officers the committee deems necessary.

(f) The special committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation or interim reports, to the One Hundred Third General Assembly no later than January 1, 2004, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.